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SUBJ: AFTERMATH OF ILO MEETING

1. ASIDE FROM A HELPFUL WRAP-UP REPORT ON THE JUNE ILO MEETING GIVEN BY OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY LAVAL IN THE FO WEEKLY, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PUBLIC ATTENTION GIVEN THE ILO SITUATION. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS, HOWEVER, THE UNIONS TELL US THAT THEY WOULD PREFER THAT THE US REMAIN IN THE ORGANIZATION. THE DEPTH OF THAT FEELING VARIES, HOWEVER, FROM INTENSE, ON THE PART OF SOME CFDT PEOPLE, TO PRO FORMA, ON THE PART OF SOME LEADING FO FIGURES. THERE IS, IN FO, SOME REFLECTION BEING GIVEN TO THE IDEA THAT THE EROSION OF TRIPARTITISM IS INIMICAL TO THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE FREE LABOR MOVEMENTS.

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2. WE NOTE, WITH INTEREST, THAT CFDT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY RENE SALANNE (WHO WAS THE ROTATIONAL FRENCH WORKER DELEGATE AT THE JUNE MEETING AND WHO VOTED AGAINST US) IS SPREADING THE WORD TO THE OTHER UNIONS (AND LABOR ATTACHES) THAT THE TALK OF US WITHDRAWAL IS "MUSIC"; THAT THE US HAS NO PLACE ELSE TO GO AND WILL HAVE TO REMAIN, NO MATTER WHAT. WHILE THIS

MAY REPRESENT SALANNE'S OWN JUDGMENT, WE GATHER FROM ONE CFDT UNION PRESIDENT WHO ATTENDED THE BRIEFING ON THE ILO SALANNE GAVE AFTER HIS RETURN FROM GENEVA, THAT THERE IS CONCERN WITHIN THE CFDT EXECUTIVE OVER THE PROSPECTS OF A US WITHDRAWAL. THIS SAME CFDT LEADER TOLD US THAT THE CFDT WANTS THE US TO STAY, THAT HE KNOWS THE FO SHARES THAT VIEW, AND THAT PROBABLY THE CGT DOES AS WELL. WHEN ASKED IN REPLY, WHY THEN DID SALANNE JOIN WITH THE USSR AND CHILE IN FIGHTING US, HE HAD THE GOOD GRACE TO BLUSH, AND THEN PUT IN A PLEA FOR PATIENCE.
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